at Sibsagar Dargah has been prioritised for Rs. 20.00 lakhs. In addition the following projects for development of Sibsagar have been sanctioned:

1. Provision of wayside amenities for Rs. 20.00 lakhs during 1999-2000.

2. Upgradation of Tourist Lodge for Rs. 15.00 lakhs during 2000-2001.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The project for preparation of feasibility study for tourist facilities at Garamur Majuli was sanctioned for an amount of Rs. 10.00 lakhs on 15.5.2000 and Rs. 5.00 lakhs were released as advance to Assam Tourism Development Corporation for the above report. Inspite of several reminders sent to the State Government, the feasibility report has not been received.

Tourism under Concurrent List

1758. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring Tourism under the Concurrent List;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what concrete steps are being taken to remove dirt and filth, the beggars and unsanitary conditions in places of tourist interest so as to attract more tourists?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The advantage of inclusion of 'tourism' in the Concurrent List of the Constitution is to provide both the Central and the State Governments with constitutional power to deal with problems of the tourism sector.

(c) Up-keeping of places of tourist interest is the responsibility of Local Municipalities and State Governments. However, Central

financial assistance is provided by the Department of Tourism, Government of India to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for development and maintenance of infrastructure including wayside amenities, upgradation-cum-expansion of existing tourist facilities etc.

Development of Tourism in Tamil Nadu

1759. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to sign MoU with other States particularly Tamil Nadu on the lines of signing MoU with Uttar Pradesh as reported in Indian Express dated 22nd February, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the details for the development of tourism in Tamil Nadu and other States of the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. ITDC & Tamil Nadu State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. have signed a MoU on 15th Feb. 2002 stipulating joint efforts for mutual benefits and promotion of tourism in the State of Tamil Nadu. As per MoU, ITDC will provide its services in the areas of Marketing & Reservation Services including Travels & Tours, Airline Ticketing; Event Management; Publicity & Printing of Tourist Literature; Setting up Duty Free/Paid Shops; Human Resource Development; Development of Heritage Properties; Project Implementation and Technical & Economic Consultancy Services.

(c) Does not arise.